



I got the vertical you
sent by Mr. Bates going to get
my letters taken again here and
you to you mother on your
Camp Deepfield.

Washington March 7th

Dear Family

I trust that I will
not be a poor Living man
with few & sick
I am getting up
in the Woods pausing

This letter right about off the bank
of our R^g, before me is the
well that the P. R^g of N.Y had
dug and left aside of it if the
well that way poison by the Seawater
we keep a guard of over the well
all of the time there of three R^g's
that sit mostly now is the R^g from
yester from Brooklyn they are encamp
over the P. R^g now and Christians
R^g its water comes down here

Fancy Jones & the Boys that work
for Hallock is there but I have
not seen them yet - I have seen all
the rest of the Boys down the road
in the Columbia College that
was full of Secessionist Students
and they used to send up 12 rockets
a Night come in they have sent up
this n four since we have been here
but I bet they will send more
iff they do the College will be
pull down it is empty now and has
been since the 2^d of June it out but
they get in some way or other I
heard that they have a Judge on it now
there is a Man Rizg from Connecticut
Massachusetts & Ohio Michigan
and Rizg from all over the States
arrested us I have seen the Massch.
Rizg that had the fight in Baltimore
and the German Rizg of N.York
that the Mass at Baltimore the
latter is except by the Columbia
Institutes Building & West Point ^{old} College

They are Shriners, Bullies & Post
Pistol Bullies are at Washington
the Streets of Washington are full of
Soldiers some on Horse back and
the rest on foot the town is full of
the United States Wagons drawn
by mules & horses they drive with
four with one line the driver sits
on one of the Horses I have seen
so far so wagons in a string to get to
Baltimore is the hardest place
that I ever saw even we went
there it the people did not say
a word to us as we to a big Laundry
there the men all come out and
give one three Cheers and soon we
past the custom House they called
the American Colloq you see four
muzzles to one white man there
and see muzzles driving mule carts
and driving their masters wagons
and they Masters in the wagons and
three or four muzzles around it.

Washington is not much to
say of there are lots of nice
children there they are so black
you see a nice child in a lot of
stone & marble a laying around
I guess that I have Received
all of Yours Letters were in
Albany but have not seen any
since I have been here I went
to have answered Yours Letters
but did have no time to at Albany
~~and~~
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as there is a cold 14°
I want to have some home over
at Albany again but could not
as I did not have no money and the
rest of the Boys that have not been home
since they had to go so that I could not
have one received very whole he just
at Albany and I did not get the Letter
till after Christmas and the Dray was head
by Mr. Robbins for me to go to back to Albany
the cars have just been back Saturday at 9 o'clock
I sent my saddle and my harness in it - I sent
the Dray to you by the you got them your. J. F. Brown